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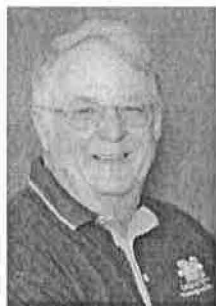
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"We wanted the experience to be more than just a name on a plaque," said Rick Slater, Managing Partner of DHG. "As we've witnessed big changes in business and technology, our partners have become even more passionate about making an impact on campuses across our footprint."



"We can't thank DHG enough," said Dr. Deanna Mader, Interim dean of the College of Business. "This new facility will serve our faculty and students very well."

Marshall received a gift of \$150,000 from the certified public accounting firm of Dixon Hughes Goodman, designated toward renovation of room 106 of Corbly Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus, in May. The room, now known as the Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP SmartRoom, features a 24-inch, multi-touch Smart Podium Display from Smart Technologies; dual 80-inch LED flat-panel displays; and high-density wireless services. In addition, the room is furnished with new seating

and tables with capacity for 58 students, as well as updated lighting controllable by zones.



Photos: (Above) Cutting the ribbon to officially open the Dixon Hughes Goodman SmartRoom are from left, Lance West, Marshall Foundation Vice President for Development; Bob Simpson, partner at DHG, who also teaches at Marshall; Norman Mosrie, partner at DHG and president of the MU College of Business advisory board; Rick Slater, managing partner at DHG; Matt Turner, chief of staff at Marshall University; and Dr. Deanna Mader, Interim dean of the MU College of Business. (Middle) Dr. Deanna Mader, Interim dean of the MU College of Business, describes the advanced features of the DHG SmartRoom. (Below) MU senior Jonathan Austin thanks Dixon Hughes Goodman on behalf of his fellow students.

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It began when Oliver Percovich and Sharna Nolan, armed with little more than a couple of skateboards, arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2007. In a country where children make up more than half the population, Percovich and Nolan soon discovered that their boards drew in local children like an unstoppable magnetic force. Initial informal sessions eventually led to the foundation of Skateistan, the country's first co-educational skateboard school. Percovich and Nolan quickly found that local custom only allows girls to skate in public up to the age of 12 and after that there must be no boys or men around. Eventually their fundraising efforts led to the creation of an indoor skate park where all-girl classes with experienced female teachers are held, as well as access to multimedia for any boys and girls that are interested, even Kabul's street kids.

Ridgeway served as Skateistan's global skateboard advisor. He helped define the business structure of the organization and he also coordinated marketing opportunities through fundraising efforts. In addition, one of the rarest collections of skateboards, spanning six decades, will be on display in the Keith-Albee lobby.

Tickets to the film are \$10 and may be purchased through the Marshall University Artists Series at ext. 6-3326 or at the door. "Four Wheels and a Board in Kabul" kicks off the International Film Festival, which begins Friday, Oct. 12, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, featuring films from Belgium, Denmark, Iran, Israel, Norway and the U.S.

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The summit will be held in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse and the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is targeted toward adults, college students, and younger students ages 12-14.

During the sessions participants can learn how to prevent cyber bullying, keep themselves and their families safe online, handle the dangers of social media, keep their information and computers safe and identify scams. In addition, they can find out how and why criminals target them and more.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Integrated Science & Technology, the FBI, and the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence.

To reserve a seat, e-mail sammons17@gapps.marshall.edu.

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Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 304-696-2787 from 1-5 p.m. today through Friday. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for Marshall faculty/staff and seniors. Marshall University students are admitted with a valid I.D.

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The purpose of the forum is to give students and community members the opportunity to meet the candidates who are running for governor, attorney general, house of delegates in the 16th and 17th districts, county commissioner, assessor, mayor of Huntington, Cabell County magistrate and Huntington City Council to discuss the economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial and educational interests of the area.

The League of Women Voters will register eligible voters and representatives from the Republican, Democrat, Mountain and Libertarian parties will sponsor tables with candidate information, party platforms and suggestions for how to get involved this election year.

The open forum will allow candidates to introduce themselves to members of the audience, and after introductions, candidates will be on hand to chat directly with students and members of the community. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kim White at ext.6-6115.

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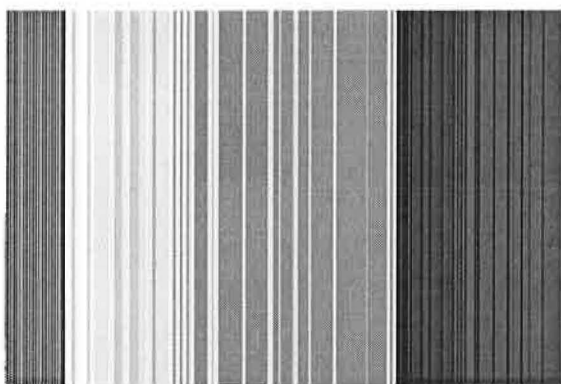
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Julio Alves said after getting past the shock of McKinney's diagnosis, he wanted to do something to help.

"This concert is our way to support Beverly and to honor her for all she has done for each one of us at our department," Alves said. "We invite everybody from our community to attend the recital and to help us raise funds for Beverly."

The concert will begin with the Violauta Duo playing "Gran duetto concertante, Op. 52" by Mauro Giuliani, "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure and two movements from "Suite Buenos Aires" by Maximo Diego Pujol. After a short intermission, the second part will feature the four performers in different chamber music combinations. First, Linda Dobbs and Kristen Alves will perform music by Howard Boatwright ("Soldier, Soldier" from *Two Folk Song Settings*), followed by Julio and Kristen Alves playing an arrangement of Massenet's "Meditation" from *Thais*. Two trios will conclude the program: Linda Dobbs and the Violauta Duo performing Saint-Saens' "Une flute invisible," and Kristen Alves and the Violauta Duo interpreting the second divertimento by G. Kummer and Libertango by A. Piazzolla.

"Making music with colleagues is always a pleasure and the pleasure is doubled when it's helping a dear friend," Wendell Dobbs said.

Julio Alves emphasized how beloved McKinney is to his family.

"Beverly is loved very much by our family," he said. "Our girls love her and always look for her when they go to Marshall, or to the ballet studio where she taught piano, and especially at church. This sudden change in her life has taken us all by surprise ... Since music is such an important part of her life as well as ours, we decided to honor her by performing this recital. Although the recital will help with some medical expenses, my primary reason for performing it is to bless her and lift her up in this challenging time. I want to give her some extra happiness in return for all the joy and love she has given our family."

Donations may also be sent to the Marshall University School of Music and Theatre, c/o Ruby Dean, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, W.Va. 25755.

For more information, contact Jaye Ike by phone at 304-696-3296 or by e-mail at jaye.ike@marshall.edu. Fellowship Baptist Church is located at 3661 U.S. 60, Barboursville, W.Va. 25504. For directions, persons may phone 304-736-8006.

Photo: Julio Alves, Kristen Alves, Linda Dobbs and Wendell Dobbs will give a benefit concert Oct. 14 to assist music staff member Beverly McKinney with medical expenses.

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McCormick was nominated by his dean at Marshall University, Dr. Wael Zatar, who also is president of the WVASCE. Dr. William Pierson, professor and chair of the Weisberg Division of Engineering and Computer Science, and Dr. Betsy Dulin, former dean of CITE and currently a professor of engineering, provided letters of support for him.

The WVASCE award may be presented annually to a tenured faculty member in an engineering school in West Virginia who is a resident at the time of the nomination and a member of the WVASCE.

After knowing McCormick for nine years, Zatar said, "As the dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering at Marshall University, I am really proud to have someone with the character, attitude, and professionalism of Dr. McCormick. Talking about an outstanding professor, educator, colleague and friend, I was very fortunate to have Dr. McCormick assisting and encouraging me over the years. He is certainly among those civil engineering professors who have shaped the industry and the economy of this region."

And, according to Zatar, McCormick has devoted his life to "strengthening the education of civil engineering students, providing a very positive impact on the civil engineering students, providing a very positive impact on the civil engineering profession, and enhancing the quality of life in West Virginia."

Prior to coming to Marshall McCormick spent many years at West Virginia University Institute of Technology, where he served in a variety of roles as a faculty member, department chair, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, Zatar said. Dulin was one of McCormick's students at WVUIT before they later became colleagues at Marshall.

"Like many engineering students who went before and followed after me, I benefitted from his guidance and his example, and his ability not only to teach the required material but to mentor, advise and inspire," Dulin said. "As his colleague and former dean, I have continued to be impressed by his work ethic, his dedication to student success, and his ability to 'get things done' even when faced with roadblocks or problems of various sorts." In addition, she said, McCormick's "character, attitude and approach to his work, his colleagues, and - first and foremost - his students, has remained unchanged."

Pierson and McCormick have been colleagues at both WVUIT and Marshall and, according to Pierson, "There is no doubt that Dr. McCormick is one of the most gifted and effective professors of civil engineering that I have known." For example, he pointed out that McCormick received the highest student rating of all undergraduate engineering professors during the spring 2011 semester—results that are consistent with other evaluation cycles. Another proof of McCormick's

teaching effectiveness is the overall performance of MU engineering students on the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam, Pierson said.

"Our average passing rate on the FE exam has been above 83 percent, which is above the national average of about 75 percent over the same time period," Pierson said. "This success is, in my opinion, due in large part to the quality of the educational experience provided by Dr. McCormick in key foundation courses."

"I am very honored to be named the recipient of the first WVASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year award," McCormick said. "I was also humbled to read the very nice comments submitted by my colleagues in support of my nomination. I have had many students go on to very successful careers in civil engineering, largely through their own hard work and dedication, and I am happy that I have been able to play a small part in their success."

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Brumfield will participate in a panel on the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) education for women in technology, which will take place on Friday of the conference from noon to 1:30 pm. Joining Brumfield will be Rebecca Spyke Kelsner, NASA Associate Deputy Administrator for Policy Integration (and NASA's liaison to the White House Council on Women and Girls); Gayle Manchlin of the West Virginia State Board of Education; and Idit Caperton of the educational company Globaloria. Each panelist will have 10-15 minutes to present, followed by questions from the audience and moderator Dr. Jan R. Taylor, director of the Division of Science and Research for the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

This two-day program is designed to inspire and support women working in technology fields in higher education and research, as a new entrepreneur, in private industry and in the private sector. Women represent a huge pool of untapped talent to diversify and grow the economy. An important goal for West Virginia and the nation is to encourage more women to enter tech fields and become tech entrepreneurs.

Brea Wiles, studio educator for the Early Education STEM Center, was chosen to participate in a roundtable discussion as part of the U.S. Department of Education's third annual back-to-school bus tour. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and other senior Department of Education officials visited schools in Charleston and McDowell County, W.Va., where they met with educators and stakeholders for discussions on early learning, school turnaround efforts and community-building partnerships. These bus tour engagements were part of a series of events and community conversations that were conducted coast-to-coast by Duncan and his leadership team Sept. 12 to 21 to highlight the theme that "Education Drives America."

Duncan participated in a roundtable discussion Thursday, Sept. 20, with Wiles and other local and state early learning stakeholders at Elk Elementary Center in Charleston. Duncan was joined by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning Jacqueline Jones and Director of the Office of Special Education Programs Melody Musgrove.

The discussion, which was led by Elk Elementary Center Principal Cathi Bradley, explored topics such as investing in universal Pre-K, workforce issues in early education and defining the early childhood education Birth-8 approach.

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